**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY**

**CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

**CONTEMPT PETITION NO.6 OF 2007**

Indian Express Newspapers (Mumbai) Ltd. ..Petitioner

Vs.

Mr.Harshad Vaikunthlal Joshi & Anr. ..Respondents

Mr.S.R.Chitnis, Senior Advocate with Mr.Vinayak Shete i/b. Ms.Poorvi Kamani for the Petitioner.
Respondent-in-person present.
Dr.F.R.Shaikh, Addl.P.P.for Respondent No.2.

**CORAM :- DR.S.RADHAKRISHNAN &**
**SMT.R.S.DALVI,JJ.**

**DATE : 18TH OCTOBER,2007**

**P.C.**

1. Heard the learned Senior Counsel for the Petitioner, the learned Additional P.P.for the State and the Respondent No.1, who is personally present in the Court. Mr.Chitnis, the learned Senior Counsel fairly states that he submits to the orders of the Court. We have also perused the affidavit-in-reply dated 16th October,2007 filed by Respondent No.1, whereby Respondent No.1 has tendered un-conditional apology and has also set out the circumstances under which he had made certain allegations. Over and above, the Respondent No.1 also states that he unconditionally seeks to withdraw the letter dated 31st March,2007, wherein the allegations were made.

2. Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case and also in view of the fact that the

Respondent No.1 has tendered un-conditional apology at the earliest juncture, we are inclined to accept the same. The letter dated 31st March,2007 stands withdrawn completely and the notice issued to Respondent No.1 also stands discharged. The Contempt Petition stands disposed of accordingly.

**(SMT.R.S.DALVI,J.)** **(DR.S.RADHAKRISHNAN,J.)**